GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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SHORTCOMINGS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF NREGA .
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of Rural Development while conducting a survey on National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) have found some shortcomings in its implementation;

(b) If so, the details alongwith shortcomings thereof;

(c) The number of States covered by this survey;

(d) Whether a meager amount has been allocated for administrative expenses for implementation of the Act; and

(e) If so, the other points raised in the survey and the steps taken or being taken by the Government to rectify the shortcomings in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development with the assistance of United Nations Development Programme has engaged five agencies for conducting the monitoring and evaluation study of NREGA. The names of the agencies and the States covered are as under:-

Agency	Districts to be covered
1. Indian Institute of Women`s Studies- New Delhi	Two districts each from Orissa, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu and West Bengal
2. Centre for Budget Accountability-New Delhi	Governance One district in Andhra Pradesh, two districts each from Chattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh
3. Indian Institute of Management- Bangalore	One district each from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka
4. Institute of Human - Development- New Delhi	Six districts of Bihar
5. Centre for Development Alternatives-Ahmedabad	Six districts of Gujarat

(d) Under NREGA 2% of the total cost of implementation of the Act has been allocated for administrative expenses.

(e) The agencies engaged for conducting monitoring and evaluation studies are yet to submit their final report.